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The Council of Seventy.

The fact that the International Sunday-school lessons take up the study of the Life of the Christ with January 1, and continue the same subject for eighteen consecutive months, makes it possible for the various organizations interested in means and methods to provide much valuable assistance. The American Institute of Sacred Literature is planning to meet the demand by courses of reading and instruction adapted (*a*) to the minister or professional teacher, (*b*) to the Sunday-school teacher, (*c*) to the adult class, (*d*) to the senior grade of pupils.

For ministers the regular reading course on the Life of Christ offered by the Bible Students' Reading Guild, for professional Bible students, will be recommended. In this connection a second course upon the Teaching of Jesus will be added.

For the Sunday-school teacher a popular reading course has been prepared, including books upon the following topics: The History of New Testament Times, the Social Life of the Times of Jesus, the Historical Life of Christ (including in this the gospel material with special studies upon it), and the Pedagogical Element in Sunday-school teaching. The books upon the last topic are entirely new and still in process of preparation. They will be ready, however, in time to be of great value in the course.

The BIBLICAL WORLD, as has been announced, will contain a large variety of material, both biblical and pedagogical, upon the special subject of the Life of Christ, and upon general topics of interest to the Sunday-school teacher. This material will be a required part of the above courses. Arrangements will be made, however, so that groups of teachers may secure the journal and the books jointly, thus reducing the expense. A general membership fee of fifty cents will be charged all those who have access to the BIBLICAL WORLD without subscription. The subscription for this journal covers the cost of one membership. Opportunity for answering questions will be provided, and a certificate awarded at the end of the course to all complying with such a regulation.

For adult students the biblical section of the teacher's course contained in studies printed in the *BIBLICAL WORLD* will be suitable. These will be issued separately, and will, when complete in twelve parts, constitute a text-book upon the Life and Times of Christ suitable for permanent use.

A special correspondence course for teachers or students who wish to do more thorough work, under the special guidance of an instructor, will be based upon these studies. Fortnightly written recitations will be required, and these will be returned to the student with full criticisms and suggestions.

In bringing this material into a group there has been no attempt to suggest further uniformity than the subject. Any of the courses can be commenced at any time, and may be carried on as rapidly or as slowly as the student desires.

A series of studies on the Life of Christ simpler than the above, giving no comment, but careful direction for the daily work of the student, is published by the Institute for use in Sunday-school classes or clubs meeting weekly. For this course also question sheets are provided and a certificate awarded.

Both of the above series of studies can be used for students of the senior grade between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years. In the first, special indication of material suitable for the younger students is made. The second will not be found too difficult as it stands.

Full descriptive material of these various plans will be sent upon application to the office of the *AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF SACRED LITERATURE*, Hyde Park, Chicago, Ill.